



SATURDAY EVENING, JAN. 9, 1904.

THE present generation need expect no reduction in the amount of money to be paid out for pensions, for as soon as the number of pensioners is reduced schemes are presented to again increase the number. A plan is now on foot for the establishment of a civil pension law which will retire from the government service those who are unable satisfactorily to perform their duties because of their physical disabilities due to age. Representative Gillett, of Massachusetts, has introduced a measure which provides that all honorably discharged soldiers, sailors or marines, who served as such between April 12, 1861, and August 25, 1865, who, upon the passage of the act are seventy years of age and serving in any executive department, or who served in a military or civil capacity for thirty years, both included, shall be placed on the United States Civil Service retired list with a pension of \$50 a month.

THE CHICAGO business women's club has organized a dancing class. Only young business women are invited. The club proposes at the threshold of leap year to teach its members how to dance in a fashion which will preclude the necessity of men. It is claimed that no dance is esthetic in which the young women's waists must be belted by the masculine arms. No round dance is esthetic for they all develop the physique more than the grace of the dancers. The esthetic dance is quiet, graceful, soulful. The esthetic dance is intended to develop the natural grace of young women. It is safe to say that this club will not be in existence this time next year unless the rules are changed and young men, business or otherwise, are admitted to membership.

AS HAD been anticipated, the spirit of expansion that has been manifested by the United States during the past few years has in no wise been satiated by the absorption of Porto Rico and the Sandwich, Philippine and part of the Samoan Islands, but the republicans now have their avaricious eyes turned on Hayti. Some administration papers are urging this country to avail itself of present conditions in that island and incorporate it. A German comic paper some time ago pictured Uncle Sam as seated at a table with an Havana cigar in one corner of his mouth and a Manila cheroot in the other. He was flourishing a knife and fork over a huge bird labeled "The world." The picture was suggestive of present American greed.

MR. WILLIAMS, of Mississippi, introduced a bill in the House yesterday providing: "That from and after the passage of this act no duty shall be levied or collected upon coal in any form or description imported into the United States from foreign countries."

Also a bill requiring the Secretary of the Treasury to make full rebate of duties paid on all coal of every description imported into the United States from foreign countries for the period of one year. These measures are good, and in the interest of the entire people, save of the coal trusts, and should be passed by Congress at once.

ALTHOUGH the news from the far East yesterday was ominous of an early crossing of swords between the Mucovite and Mongolian, today's dispatches represent the two with chips still on their heads and the combatants at safe distance from each other. Neither Russia nor Japan seems anxious to precipitate a conflict, the result of which, it is believed, would be far-reaching, as friction among other nations would be inevitable should the two be referred to above engagement in the clash of war.

"THE RIGHT OF SUCCESSION," which was disputed at a cost of thousands of lives and billions of dollars during the civil war and which was considered very thoroughly negated, has now been practically reasserted on this continent with the connivance and active assent of the United States. Who would have thought, asks the Philadelphia Record, that the verdict so bloodily established at Gettysburg and afterward signed and sealed at Appomattox could be so soon and so readily reversed?

It is becoming clear that the American forces sent to the isthmus are not designed to protect the one-man Republic from Colombia, but to protect the revolutionary Government from being revolutionized. The New York Tribune's special correspondent says that the soldiers who assisted in the revolution were hired for the purpose, and there are increasing indications that they are being hired over again, by somebody else.

A TOKIO cablegram states that when United States Minister Allen notified the Korean authorities that United States forces would be landed they urged that it was unnecessary, but the men were sent ashore nevertheless. If Mr. Roosevelt does not get the United States into trouble through foreign entanglements it will not be his fault.

FROM WASHINGTON.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

Washington, Jan. 9.

After having spent most of the open sessions this week in the discussion of the Panama situation and the question as to whether the Senate committee on postoffices should make an investigation of the frauds in the Postoffice Department, the Senate has agreed to take a vote on the latter on Monday. The probabilities are that the Senate will decide that the investigation already made by the Postoffice Department itself is sufficient and that further inquiry is unnecessary. The report on General Wood's nomination has been made but no action will be taken upon it in the Senate until after Senator Hanna returns towards the end of next week. The foreign relations committee expects to report the Panama canal treaty on Monday or Tuesday and will be pushed as early as possible. The canal situation will also be discussed in open session during the week in connection with various resolutions of inquiry proposed by Senators Hoar and Morgan. On Monday the House will be ready to take up District of Columbia business if there should be any to transact. The legislature, executive and judicial appropriation bill will be reported on that day and taken up for consideration Tuesday. Practically all the remainder of the week will be devoted to it.

Although it is entirely improbable that the United States will become in any way implicated in the difficulties between Russia and Japan, the administration is keeping a close watch upon developments and American ships of war are in position to fully protect American interests in Korea and elsewhere in the Orient. The suggestion that the President be directed to use his good offices by way of mediation is regarded at the State Department as impracticable at the present stage. The precedent in such matters is only at the request of one of the interested parties, although there have some times been delicate hints conveyed that the United States was willing to do so. The hope in State Department circles that there will be no war is strengthened today. This is based upon advice received from government agents abroad which are said to be practically unanimous.

The answer of Reed Smoot, Senator from Utah, to the charges filed against him by various individuals and organizations throughout the country, was submitted today to the Senate committee on privileges and elections. It is a document of about 6,000 words and discusses the matter fully in all its phases. Two serious charges are preferred against Mr. Smoot, viz: That the respondent is a polygamist, and that he is bound by some oath or obligation which is in consistent with the oath required by the Constitution, which was administered to him before he took his seat as a Senator. Both these charges the respondent denies in lengthy refutations. The answer is signed and sworn to by Smoot. As to the charge that he is a polygamist, the respondent says that he was married on the 16th day of September, 1884, to Alpha May Eldridge. She is still his wife and has never cohabited with any other woman. As to the charges that the respondent is bound by some oath or obligation controlling his duty under oath as a Senator, the respondent says that he has never taken any such oath, or in any way assumed any such obligations.

Lawyers who have watched the progress of the Northern Securities cases in the Supreme Court of the United States are inclined to believe that the court will hold, in the action brought by the State of Minnesota, that it has no jurisdiction. Congress was not in session today. The meeting of the democratic national committee in this city next Tuesday is looked forward to with much interest, as it will be a large, the real opening of the campaign for the presidency. The meeting will select the time and place of the next national convention. Senator Jones will not be the chairman of the next committee. His successor will be chosen when the committee meets in the convention city, wherever that may be. The Controller of the Currency received advice this morning that the Alva National Bank, of Alva, Okla., had not opened for business today, and he has appointed National Bank Examiner M. B. Sturtevant as receiver. The resources and liabilities of the bank, according to the last statement made November 17, were \$155,882.05 each.

An amendment will be offered to the Panama Canal bill which will be acceptable alike to republicans and democrats. The object will be to augment the receipts by the Republic of Panama from the canal when it shall have been constructed. As the treaty now stands the compensation to the new republic would not be equitable.

The Navy Department today received the following dispatch from Admiral Coghlan: "The Dixie," placed in the next national convention. Senator Jones will not be the chairman of the next committee. His successor will be chosen when the committee meets in the convention city, wherever that may be. The Controller of the Currency received advice this morning that the Alva National Bank, of Alva, Okla., had not opened for business today, and he has appointed National Bank Examiner M. B. Sturtevant as receiver. The resources and liabilities of the bank, according to the last statement made November 17, were \$155,882.05 each.

ANNUAL FAILURES.—Commercial failures in the United States in the year 1903, as reported by R. G. Dun & Co., were 12,069 in number, and \$155,444,185 in amount of liabilities, compared with 11,615 insolvencies in 1902, when defaulted indebtedness aggregated \$117,476,769. The increase in liabilities occurred chiefly in the manufacturing class, where 3,039 failures, for \$70,598,144, compared with 2,749, for \$47,188,889 in the preceding year, an increase of almost exactly 50 per cent in amount. Trading failures were 8,440 in number, for \$62,145,312, against 8,249 in 1902, for \$56,081,480.

ASSAULTED PRINCIPAL.—At the Camp Creek High School in Wayne county, W. Va., several of the students yesterday made a vicious assault on G. W. Runyon, the principal, and after beating him into unconsciousness, dragged his body into the yard, where an ambulance was later sent to remove the instructor to his house. Mr. Runyon forcibly ejected another pupil from the room, which so enraged the other students that a united attack was made upon him. That principal may die and officers are now endeavoring to arrest his assailants, but only two can be found.

GAME SEIZED, OWNER FINED.—P. A. Allen, of Westmoreland county, brought to Fredericksburg yesterday to the express office a crate marked "eggs" for shipment out of the State. Game Warden F. M. Aldridge suspected that the crate contained game, and upon investigation 44 partridges were found. Allen was tried before Mayor Willis and fined \$50 and costs, which he paid. The game was confiscated and sold. This is the first conviction there under the new game law.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The Supreme Court heard final argument in the suit of Minnesota against the Northern Securities Company.

United States Consuls in Europe have been notified by Secretary Hay to act in behalf of the Panama Republic.

There is a strong feeling among the members of the Senate that the United States should annex Santo Domingo and Hayti.

The Pope has expressed a desire that ladies should not wear low-cut gowns at receptions attended by cardinals and other prelates.

Secretary Shaw yesterday transmitted to the House a request of Secretary Root for an appropriation of \$585,000 for new arms and equipments for organized militia.

A child was born in New York yesterday during the excitement of a tenement house fire. The mother and babe were carried to safety through smoke and fire.

Robert Ludlow Preston, one of the wealthiest lawyers of Maryland, who fell under the wheels of a freight car in Baltimore on Thursday and had both of his legs crushed, died yesterday from his injuries.

POSTOFFICE FRAUDS.

Postoffice frauds were under discussion in the Senate yesterday, the subject being opened in a set speech by Mr. Simmons, of North Carolina, who insisted there should be an investigation by the Senate into the charges. Mr. Platt, of Connecticut, denied that the republicans were trying to cover up any wrong doing in the Postoffice Department, and said they were simply contending that the postoffice committee should ascertain what was to be investigated. The discussion was participated in by Senators Burrows, Dilliver and Quarles on the republican side, and Senators Carmack, Tillman and Teller on the democratic side. The republican contention was that there had been a thorough investigation by the Postoffice Department, and that a Senate investigation was now being pressed by the democrats for partisan purposes. The democrats insisted that they wanted the facts, and charged that the republicans were trying to smother them. Perry S. Heath was bitterly assailed, and former Postmaster General Smith was criticised by democratic Senators. There were several interesting colloquies during the day between Senators Dilliver and Tillman.

COURT OF APPEALS.

The following were the proceedings in the court of appeals in Richmond yesterday.

Persinger's administratrix vs. Allegany Ore and Iron Company. Argued and submitted.

City of Roanoke vs. Roanoke Railway and Electric Company. Submitted on briefs.

Miller and Arthur. Argued and continued until Monday.

The next cases to be called are Westby, etc., vs. Richmond Railway and Electric Company; Rhule vs. Seaboard Air Line Railway Company; Southern Railway Company vs. Alexandria and Mt. Vernon Railway Company, Nos. 3, 9 and 12 on the argument docket.

Minnix vs. Minnix. Dismissed for failure to print.

The court examined 25 applicants for license to practice law. There was one colored man among them.

SUICIDE OF YOUNG WOMAN.—Dependent owing to continued illness, and despairing of recovery, Minnie Burns, twenty-one years old, and prepossessing, began taking Rough on Rats, in Washington four days ago. It made her faint, but she held out until last night before the breakdown came. Then she acknowledged to her sister, Mrs. B. G. Taylor, with whom she lived, that she was trying to end her life. She sent a call to the Emergency Hospital but later died. Miss Burns' home was in Falls Church, although for some time past she was a guest at her sister's home in Porters place. According to her statement to her sister, she took the first dose of the compound on Tuesday. Each day afterward she took the stuff in increasing quantities. Late last night the pain became so intense that she broke down. Asked what was the matter, she at first refused to tell, and in alarm Mrs. Taylor hurriedly sent for Dr. Johnson. He speedily recognized the symptoms of arsenical poisoning, and not till then did Miss Burns acknowledge that she had been taking poison.

RIOTS AT MEMPHIS POLICE.—Although 48 hours have passed since the polls were closed in the city election held in Memphis Thursday, the result is still in doubt, a legal contest of several of the offices is practically assured and late developments show that the election was signalized by the most irregular and riotous scenes connected with any local political contest in recent years. In the Ninth ward the ballot box was stolen, the ballots were burned and two men were shot, one seriously, in a riot in the room where the votes were being counted. Gross irregularities are alleged in the Fourth and Fifth wards and many minor shooting and cutting scrapes are reported from all parts of the city. Wild rumors are current, but the more conservative are inclined to think that no further violence need be expected. Last night the city was quiet, although partisan feeling is running high. C. Simon, who was shot in the riot at St. Joseph's Hospital. His condition is grave.

FIVE YEARS FOR CRUELTY.—Mrs. Annie Whaley, of Norfolk, charged with brutally beating Lillie Davis, a sixteen-year-old girl, who alleges that Mrs. Whaley is her mother, was yesterday given five years in the penitentiary. Photographs of the injured girl's wounds were exhibited to the jury. When placed on the stand Mrs. Whaley testified that the wounds were inflicted with the paper "slapsticks" used by the crowds on the streets on Christmas Eve. It is alleged that Mrs. Whaley beat the girl three times at her home Christmas Day because she wished to visit a neighbor, and when the girl continued to plead to be allowed to go out the woman took her out in the woods and beat her until she was rescued by several men, who heard the child's screams.

The New Year's number of the Southern Planter is an unusually interesting one and with this number enters upon its 65th volume. The Planter contains much valuable information for farmers.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Mortimer Marshall, a well-known farmer of Culpeper county, died yesterday, in the thirty-eighth year of his age. He was very popular and highly esteemed.

Charles Spottswold Henry died Thursday night, in Richmond, aged fifty-nine. He was a grandson of Judge James Henry, of the first Court of Appeals of Virginia.

Herbert M. Long, a well-known citizen and a Confederate soldier, died at his home in Spottsylvania county, a few days ago, after a brief illness. He was aged sixty years.

J. A. Pleasant, formerly private secretary of Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, is dead in Richmond of pneumonia. He was a son of M. F. Pleasant, clerk of the United States District Court.

The Norfolk Knitting Mills, one of the largest textile plants in that section of Virginia, yesterday announced a reduction of 10 per cent. in the salaries of all of its employees for the next three months.

Potomac Mills, in Westmoreland county, has been a mill site for nearly 200 years, having first been built in 1712. The property was once owned by Augustine Washington, father of George Washington, and the mill is still grinding away at that point.

Rappahannock county has offered a reward of \$500 for the capture of Hugh Elkins, who on Christmas Eve shot and killed Joseph Kibler at Woodville, that county. The dead man's brothers have also offered an additional reward of \$200 for the capture of Elkins.

A. J. Coudrey, a prosperous farmer of Clover Hill Pitt, Chesterfield county, went to Manchester yesterday for the treatment of injuries received early yesterday morning from a cow. The animal hemmed Mr. Coudrey in a pen and gored him several times, nearly putting out one eye. Mr. Coudrey was alone, and fought desperately with a stick.

Court reconvened at Spottsylvania Courthouse yesterday for the trial of former Clerk J. P. H. Crismond. Attorney K. L. Gordon stated that Commonwealth's Attorney Lee J. Graves, an important witness, was still ill and asked for continuance of the case. This was opposed by Attorney Geo. R. Fitzhugh Crismond's counsel. Judge Waller decided that trial should proceed, whereupon Mr. Gordon withdrew from the case. The Court appointed E. H. De Jarrette, jr. to represent the Commonwealth. Mr. DeJarrette asked until Monday to prepare the case for trial. This was granted. There is intense interest in the trial and crowds attend every session of court.

THE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

The bill of eminent domain was riddled in the Senate yesterday, and so amended that its author would hardly recognize it. Twenty-six amendments were added. Hot discussion was provoked by an amendment that provided that a railroad may not condemn a right-of-way within 60 feet of a dwelling, or within 100 feet of a cemetery.

Mr. Wickham held that a railroad should be allowed to go through a man's residence if the public good demanded it. The bill was passed with amendments. The House will hardly concur.

Much of the remainder of the session was consumed by Mr. Cogbill, in filibustering against the bill providing for the annexation of territory by cities and towns. As soon as it was discovered that his purpose was to talk the bill to death, the wife of the Senator inaugurated a carnival of humor that kept the Senate in a roar until a committee report caused a suspension, and the bill passed by.

HOUSE.

The Fulton anti-trust bill, which was ordered to its engrossment on Thursday, was rejected by the House.

The bill was designed to destroy all combinations and trusts. The vote was 34 to 24.

Mr. Edmondson moved a further conference on the road bill, and Messrs. Edmondson, Caldwell and Green were appointed on the part of the House.

Under the suspension of the rules the House passed the bill extending the time for holding county courts to January 30. Under the same procedure the bill to restore the old law in regard to the duties and compensation of sheriffs was also passed.

The House bill preventing building and loan companies from charging more than 8 per cent. was recommitted. A bill was passed to prescribe what date interest shall be paid upon taxes assessed by a commissioner of the revenue, or by an assessor of land delinquent and in arrears.

The bill prescribing date for payment of interest upon taxes assessed by a commissioner of the revenue provides that it shall be collected from December 1 in the year in which the taxes are assessed, upon all taxes assessed by a commissioner of the revenue which have been heretofore or are hereafter returned delinquent, or which are now or shall hereafter remain unpaid on the first day of July in the year succeeding that in which they were so assessed.

The House bill passed regulating the transportation of bodies dead of infectious diseases conforms the laws of Virginia to the rules of the National Association of Health.

THE PANAMA MINISTER.—In an executive session of the Senate yesterday the nomination of W. I. Buchanan to be Minister to Panama was discussed for more than two hours, the debate being confined almost entirely to the constitutional right of the President to appoint a Minister to the new republic without the co-operation of the Senate. The point was raised by the democrats that the position to which Mr. Buchanan was nominated was not in existence when the appointment was made, and that the President had no right to create the position except with the consent of the Senate. The democrats who supported this position were Senators Morgan, Bacon, Bailey, Pettus and Blackburn. Republican Senators almost unanimously supported the action of the President. No decision was reached. Senators Bacon and Bailey in their speeches argued that the President either usurped the functions of the Senate by dispatching a Minister to Panama, whose nomination had not been confirmed, or had sent Mr. Buchanan there as an envoy, or commissioner without color of law. They held that as the Senate is in session, the President lawfully could not send a Minister to a foreign country without the advice and consent of the Senate.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

From Richmond.

(Special Dispatch to the Alexandria Gazette.) Richmond, Jan. 9.—The Governor today pardoned Messrs. Mallen and Cates, the editors of the Opinion, a paper run in the interest of the striking street car men here, who went to jail for criminal libel in default of payment of the fines imposed.

The House today passed a bill requiring city and town treasurers to furnish clerks with a list of those who have paid poll taxes. The House rejected all the Senate amendments to the bill relating to the right of eminent domain and asked for a conference. The two bodies are wide apart on the subject.

Russia and Japan.

London, Jan. 9.—The brightest aspect of the far Eastern situation this morning is the assurance that war between Russia and Japan, should there be such a clash, will be confined to these two countries with the possible siding of China with Japan.

The Japanese legation in London has received no further news today. The officials discredit the report sent by the Kobe correspondent of the Daily Express to the effect that a battle has occurred between Japanese and Russian fleets in the Straits of Korea.

London, Jan. 9.—Late this afternoon Lord Knollys, King Edward's private secretary, made a hurried visit to Premier Balfour's office in Downing street. It is reported that he conveyed to the Premier a suggestion from the King looking to efforts for mediation in the far East.

London, Jan. 9.—According to a telegraphic dispatch from Hong Kong, a report has reached there from a trustworthy source that the Chinese general council have taken a stand for Japan and against Russia. The council, the report has it, have decided to submit several propositions to the Dowager Empress, which include the following: That China act on the offensive should Russia fail to withdraw from Manchuria; that China make an alliance for offensive and defensive warfare with Japan against Russia; and that a government official be dispatched to Tokio to arrange such an alliance; that 14,000 recruits be enrolled under the authority of Yuan Shi Kai, for the protection of Pekin; that, in event the Chinese-Japanese combination prove insufficient against Russia, England be invited to join hands against the czar's forces.

Genoa, Jan. 9.—The two Japanese warships Kasuga and Nisshin, which were recently bought from the Argentine government, steamed away east from Genoa this morning. As the vessels were under urgent orders, they did not stop to take on the quantity of ammunition ready for them, but left largest stores of cartridges and baggage unloaded in their tenders. It is stated they are going direct to Port Said. From what was heard on board, there is strong reason to suppose that the vessels will merely steam along the coast of Italy, calling at Spezia, Naples, and other points, and there pick up armaments from various agents of the Armstrong Company. They will then await events in the Mediterranean. The officers and crews of the warships are all intensely excited and keen for fighting.

London, Jan. 9.—The Rome correspondent of the Central News wires that the two Japanese cruisers which sailed from Genoa this morning have signalled the island of Sardinia, in the Mediterranean, that they were being followed by two Russian warships.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 9.—It is expected here that if hostilities between Russia and Japan should occur, there would be no formal declaration of war. Port Arthur, Jan. 9.—The newspaper Novik Krai asserts that Japan has already sent a large armed force of soldiers to Korea, disguised as immigrants, to be ready for any unexpected developments.

Paris, Jan. 9.—The foreign office today received confirmation of the report sent in these despatches yesterday to the effect that Russia in her reply to Japan made some notable concessions. Negotiations for a friendly settlement of the difficulties between the two countries are progressing with increased prospects of success.

Arrival of Mr. Bryan.

New York, Jan. 9.—The White Star liner Celtic with William Jennings Bryan on board, has reached Sandy Hook. The steamer was scheduled to arrive yesterday, but has doubtless been delayed by the heavy weather. There was a heavy fog outside this morning, and it may be some hours before the liner will reach her dock. Great preparations have been made by the democratic friends of Mr. Bryan to welcome him back from his tour abroad. The prominent democrats of Manhattan have chartered a tug, on board which they will steam down the bay to welcome their leader in two national campaigns home. The tug will accompany the steamer to her dock where another committee will be in waiting. Mr. Bryan will then be conducted to the Victoria Hotel, where a reception meeting has been planned for him.

Mr. Bryan has had a most enjoyable trip abroad. Everywhere he was accorded honors given an illustrious American. He was granted audiences by King Edward, Czar Nicholas, Emperor Franz Joseph, the Pope, Count Tolstol, an eminent Russian aristocrat, and many other men of note in foreign affairs.

Made His Own Coffin.

Lebanon, Jan. 4.—In a coffin which he made especially for the purpose, Augustus Reinohel, formerly of this city, will be buried at Lancaster. Mr. Reinohel, who was 82 years old, died on Thursday at Washington. He had ideas of his own as to how he was to be buried and many years ago he made his own coffin and gave directions for his funeral, as he believed he was about to die. Instead Reinohel lived and became so robust that he decided to make a coffin larger than the first. This second one he had stored at Lancaster until just before his death, when he directed a Washington undertaker to secure it and after his demise ship the body in it to Lancaster for burial. This will be done. When his wife died some years ago, Reinohel had his own tombstone erected beside that of her grave. The stone was properly inscribed except that blank spaces were provided for the insertion of his age and the day of his death.

A report from General John B. Gordon who is ill at his home near Miami, Fla., says that at 11 o'clock Saturday he was sinking and the end was believed to be near.

Marine Disaster.

Port Townsend, Wash., Jan. 9.—A tug has just arrived with the information that the steamer Clallan sank off Discovery Island and that 25 lives were lost. The steamer plied between Seattle and Victoria. She left Seattle yesterday with between 40 and 50 passengers. The steamer went down in a heavy storm near Port Townsend at midnight. Twenty-five persons, including 15 women and children, mostly passengers, were lost. When the steamer went down she was disabled and in tow of the tug Holyoke, which owing to a heavy sea, could rescue only eight of those on board. The tug Sea Lion rescued 24, and brought them to Port Townsend. The Clallan carried 40 passengers and a crew of thirty.

New York Stock Market.

New York, January 9, 11 a. m.—In the railway list this morning there was an advance of a point or over in St. Paul and Union Pacific and Washash preferred. Elsewhere gains of substantial fractions were scored. Amalgamated copper again was the feature of the industrial group, advancing a point and holding the gain fairly well on the reported improvement in the market for the metal. United States steel stocks were strong, with a gain of nearly a point in the preferred. The speculation is narrow and largely professional, but the undertone of the market is decidedly strong.

Death of Ex-Secretary Foster.

Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 9.—A special to the Press-Post says Ex-Governor Foster died at Springfield at 11:30 Saturday morning. He had been unconscious twelve hours. He was paralyzed while on a visit to General McKee last night. The deceased was Secretary of the Treasury under President Harrison.

Confesses Many Murders.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 9.—Charles E. Kruger will be hanged on next Thursday in the Westmoreland county jail at Greensburg for the murder of Constable Harry E. Brier, of Jamison, Westmoreland county, on the morning of July 9 last. He confessed five weeks ago to the murder of John Blevins, city treasurer of Newcastle. He also confessed to the murder of several others. Kruger has been making murder confessions by the wholesale since his conviction and condemnation, and some of his stories are not believed.

FOREIGN NEWS.

The prospect of a deferring of actual hostilities in the far East caused a more cheerful tone on the London securities markets this morning. Consols were steady and Japanese issues rose 1 1/2 per cent.

Reports from eastern Cuba received at Havana this afternoon tell of many election riots yesterday. Several persons were killed. The nationalists won at the election in Havana and they have the same throughout the island.

Captain English of the cruiser Amphion visited the government headquarters at Panama today and brought a report that Colombian troops are marching toward the isthmus. An expedition of five men, who were landed at Culebra, on the Atlantic coast, about eighty miles from Colon, have been captured by Panamanian soldiers. It is supposed it was their intention to march inland and start guerrilla warfare in the interior. The cruisers New York and Petrel arrived at Panama this morning.

Dislocated Her Shoulder.

Mrs. Johanna Soderholm, of Fergus Falls, Minn., fell and dislocated her shoulder. She had a surgeon get it back in place as soon as possible, but it was quite sore and pained her very much. Her son mentioned that he had seen Chamberlain's Pain Balm advertised for sprains and soreness, and she asked him to buy her a bottle of it, which he did. It quickly relieved her and enabled her to sleep which she had not done for several days. The son was so much pleased with the relief it gave his mother that he has since recommended it to many others. For sale by Richard Gibson.

Cured After Suffering 10 Years.

R. F. Hare, Superintendent Miami Cycle and Manufacturing Company, Middletown, O., suffered for ten years with dyspepsia. He spent hundreds of dollars for medicine and with doctors without receiving any permanent benefit. He says, "One night while feeling exceptionally bad, I was about to throw down the evening paper when I saw an item in the paper regarding the merits of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. I concluded to try it, and while I had no faith in it I felt better after the second dose. After using two bottles I am stronger and better than I have been in years, and I recommend Kodol Dyspepsia Cure to my friends and acquaintances suffering from stomach trouble. Sold by all druggists."

Saved From Terrible Death.

The family of Mrs. M. L. Robbitt, of Bargarville, Tenn., saw her dying and were powerless to save her. Many kind physicians and every remedy used failed, while consumption was slowly but surely taking her life. In this terrible hour Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption turned despair into joy. The first bottle brought immediate relief and its continued use completely cured her. It is the most certain cure in the world for all throat and lung troubles. Guaranteed bottles \$2 and \$100. Trial bottles free at E. S. Leadbetter & Son's drug store.

Change in Schedule Washington Southern Railway, Effective 12:01 noon, Jan. 11, 1904.

NORTHWARD.
Leave Alexandria 2:34 a. m., daily instead of 9:22 a. m.
Train 34, Seaboard Florida Limited, arriving Washington 10:10 a. m., will not stop at Alexandria.

SOUTHWARD.
Leave 7:46 p. m., daily for Richmond and points on S. A. L. Ry., instead of 7:15 p. m. stops at Fredericksburg, Dowell and Ashland. Through sleeper.
Train 31, Seaboard Florida Limited, leaving Washington 7:00 p. m., will not stop at Alexandria.

Leave 8:35 p. m., except Saturday, instead of 8:26 p. m. Quantic accommodation. No changes in departure of other trains. Trains 43 and 66, Seaboard Mail, will carry café dining cars between Washington and Hagerstown, N. C., daily. Accommodation trains between Washington and Quantico will not stop at points between Alexandria and Washington.
W. P. TAYLOR, Traffic Manager.

List of Unclaimed Letters.

The following is a list of the letters remaining in the Alexandria, Va., postoffice on February 9, 1904:
Brooks, Mrs. E. L. Muller, Ed.
Boyd, Mrs. Dr. J. B. Ernst
Brace, Samuel P. Pasquillo, Antonio
Clark, Josephine L. Ring, Mrs. W. O.
Douglas, W. G. & L. Richards, Mrs. Fannie
Edwards, John. Leavess, James
Eus, Walter B. Shattick, Blas
Hill, Warren. Smith, Mrs. A. C.
Johnson, Karl. Smith, James
Johnson, Ralph. Smith, James
Mills, Miss Annie. Wilkerson, Mrs. Fannie
JOSEPH L. CREPPER, P. M.

DIED.

Dr. WILLIAM H. MADELLA, beloved husband of Maria Walker Madella, entered into eternal rest on Friday, January 8, 1904, at 11 a. m. at his residence, 217 South Alfred street, Alexandria, Virginia. Funeral from Robert's Chapel, M. E. Church, Monday, January 11, at 2:30 o'clock p. m.

DRY GOODS.

Woodward & Lothrop,
10th, 11th & F Sts N. W.

Until further notice, store will close at 5:30 p. m.

Men's and Boys' Sweaters